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Re: **UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

Inventors: Hideyo Osanai and Masahiro Furo

Title: *Metal-Ceramic Circuit Board and Manufacturing Method Thereof*

Assignee: Dowa Mining Co., Ltd. (Large Entity)

Priority: Japanese Application No. 2000-267206; September 4, 2000

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$1146 in payment of the government filing fee for the enclosed United States patent application, which application includes 23 pages of specification, 22 claims (8 independent, 14 dependent), Abstract of the Disclosure, 3 sheets of drawings, and an executed Declaration.

The following documents are also enclosed:

- 1) An Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449, and copies of the documents are enclosed.
- 2) Certified copy of priority Japanese application No. 2000-267206 filed on September 4, 2000 for the purpose of claiming priority.
- 3) Assignment, recordation cover sheet, and \$40.00 check.

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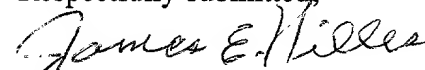
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